

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2004_1847A
Tokumi ISHIKAWA et al. : **Confirmation No. 5078**
Serial No. 10/516,395 : Group Art Unit 3763
Filed December 2, 2004 : Examiner Christopher Koharski
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INSTRUMENT FOR MEDICAL USE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 24, 2009, Applicants hereby elect Species I: Figs. 1, 2 and 4. Claims 1-11 and 15-20 read on the elected species.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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